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Friends,

On a summer day in Zanesville, Ohio, then-Senator Barack Obama stressed the importance of partnerships between the White House and grassroots groups, both faith-based and secular, to serve others. He promised to continue and expand such collaborations if elected President. He made good on that promise over the past eight years, but the Administration could not have done so without you. Today, we thank you for your shared belief in the power of these collaborations, for joining with us, and for the good we have achieved together.

Our work together has made a difference in people's lives at home and abroad. For example, we have partnered with hundreds of jobs clubs to help the unemployed and underemployed. We have prevented countless foreclosures, helped reduce family and chronic homelessness, and trained thousands of faith and community leaders to recognize and report potential victims of human trafficking. We are welcoming refugees into our communities, giving more formerly incarcerated individuals second chances, and coming together to assist our veterans and protect our environment. We have responded to and recovered from disasters, while also taking new steps to prevent them. We helped spread information about health benefits and joined forces to combat the Ebola virus. We have worked together to serve an increasing number of nutritious meals to children who need them, promoted responsible fatherhood and helped ensure that every boy and girl can reach his or her full potential through initiatives such as My Brother's Keeper and Let Girls Learn. We have also come together across our differences to promote religious pluralism and combat discrimination against people because of their faith or beliefs.

Your compassion and commitment has been a common thread across this work. Again, we thank you for working with us and look forward to continuing our work with you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

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